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In re application of

Roberto VILLA et al.

Confirmation No. 4463

Serial No. 10/009,491

GROUP 1615

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MESALAZINE CONTROLLED RELEASE
ORAL PHARMACEUTICAL COMPOSITIONS

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action of January 30, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend claim 1 as follows:

--1. (amended) Controlled-release oral pharmaceutical compositions containing as an active ingredient 5-amino-salicylic acid, comprising:

a) an inner lipophilic matrix consisting of substances with melting points below 90°C in which the active ingredient is at least partly inglobated;

b) an outer hydrophilic matrix in which the lipophilic matrix is dispersed;

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